

## **SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

### **COMMISSION PUBLIC INPUT**

*The purpose of the Public Forum is to give the public an opportunity to make the Commission aware of issues the administrative staff has been unable to resolve or to express a viewpoint concerning Commission business. The Commission will listen to the viewpoint expressed but will not respond to the individual(s) at the meeting. The Commission will direct the State Director to do so within two weeks, if possible.*

#### **REQUEST TO SPEAK**

If you wish to address the Commission at its regular Commission meeting, you must complete the form provided at the sign in desk in front of the Commission meeting room. The form must be submitted at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled opening of the meeting at which you wish to speak. At the appropriate time, you will be recognized by the Commission Chair. Each speaker will only be allowed 7 minutes and not more than 5 individuals.

A maximum of 35 minutes during the regular Commission meeting will be allocated for citizens to speak. Citizens will speak in the order in which they register. In cases of abusive language or of purely personal attacks on staff or Commission members, the Chair may rule the person out of order and require her/him to relinquish the floor.

*PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION, INDIVIDUALS WITH LEGAL ACTION PENDING AGAINST SCDDSN MAY NOT SPEAK*

*ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS THROUGH SCDHHS ARE EXCLUDED*